Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how was it that accidents occurred during the Trichur Pooram?

President.—Do you mean the accidents caused by the elephant Changroth Gopalan? Nobody expected that he would run like that.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—If accidents occur without our knowledge, we cannot help it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So many saw the elephant running.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We cannot say when an elephant will get wiid and run.

President.—I asked why such an elephant was made use of, and I was told that the animal was an innocent one, and has not done any mischief in the past. There was enough o trouble by the animal after the Trichur Pooram also.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—There was no sign whatever to show that it was sick.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I saw the elephant during daytime on the Pooram day. There was no flow at all.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There were 15 or 20 people armed with sticks standing round the elephant, and everybody expected that the elephant would run.

President.—We had enough of trouble caused by this elephant after the Trichur Pooram, and I understand the Commissioner of Police was armed with his rifle to shoot the animal down, the moment it broke the chain.

The medical inspection of schools.

149. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a consolidated result of the medical examination of schools, carried out during the year 1100, specially with reference to the following points:—

(1) what disease was most common
  (a) among boys,
  (b) amongst girls,
with reference to each school?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Statements containing the information required are appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In page 17, appendix 2, it is stated anaemia, hook-worm disease, Mulanturuttu, 26·50, and Narakkal 33·75. Was any action taken to check the disease? I want to know what action the department has taken to check the disease and to bring it down. It is found that anaemia is the chief complaint.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I should like to know which department is responsible to take action, if the defects are noticed. As a maiter of fact, I have investigated the matter, and I have called the attention of the Head-master, Trippunittura High School, to send those pupils affected by the disease to that dispensary for treatment.

President.—It was your duty to inspect and to point the result to the Head-master, and to the Director of Public Instruction and to request them to take necessary action.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Whatever action was necessary was taken. The Head-masters must be persuaded to take further action. The disease is due to the wearing of dirty clothes and due to other unclean habits.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I issued instructions to the Head-masters, and all that is possible is being done. The disease has its origin from the dirty habit of the people.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Were the guardians informed of the defects of the boys?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, they were informed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—"Dirty Clothing"—I do not know what that disease is.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—One of the primary objects of education is to make people clean and neat. One of the defects noticed among the students is the use of dirty clothing. Owing to dirty habits, the boys are easily affected by the disease.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have placed on the table a consolidated report of the result of medical inspection in schools.

President.—That report will give you all the necessary information. All these unnecessary questions do not find a place here.

A tank at Kakkad.

150. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer given to question No. 430 (legislative session) regarding a tank at Kakkad, will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the date when the tank was handed over to the Sanitary Department;

(b) the reason for so doing;

(c) the extent of the tank-shed mentioned to be part of the Palace;

(d) whether the tank was once used by Christians also?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b). The Kakkad tank was handed over to the Sanitary Department in 1089 along with other tanks and wells.

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 141).

Copy of the visiting remarks of the District Magistrate, dated 2nd Meenam 1101 of the Kunnamkulam Police Station.

1. "Visited the Station at 5. p. m. The sentry and the head constable in charge were present. The station crime register was examined. 2 cases are pending investigation. One relates to an offence under Section 343 of the C. P. C. The accused in this case are a Britsih constable of the Chalisseri Police Station and another. The case appears to have been investigated in earnest till 26th Dhanu 1101. Subsequently the investigation appears to have been abruptly stopped. It is a mystery why it was so done. The Sub Inspector must explain the matter."

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 149.)

School Medical Inspection.

Medical Inspector ... Assistant Surgoen P. P. Antony

	High Schools at						
	Mulanturuttu	Trippunittura	Mangayil	Ernakulam	St. Albert's	T. D. Matty.	Narakkal
Pupils examined	117	216	68	252	380	198	78
Defects per cent ..							
Defective vision ..	10·25	4·6	17·6	7·0	3·45	8·5	8·75
Eye diseases ..	..	2·3	1·8	..	..	1·0	..
Defective hearing ..	...	...	...	·4	..	..	..
Ear diseases ...	1·70	2·76	...	4	..	·5	1·25
Defective speech ..	1·70	·92	...	2·38	·52	..	..
Do teeth ..	10·00	9·00	19·0	10·00	7·63	7·5	1·25
Tonsils ...	...	4·6	2·93	6·00	1·3	5·5	1·25
Diseases of nose and throat ...	..	·92	..	1·2	..	2·0	...
Skin diseases ...	8·5	..	2·93	8·00	6·65	5·5	21·25
Anaemia, hook-worm ..	26·50	36·1	19·00	22·78	18·40	12·5	33·75
Malnutrition ...	..	13·0	..	...	9·21	4·5	2·5
Heart diseases ..	1·70	1·38	2·93	1·2	1·3	·5	2·5
Lung do ..	3·40	·92	1·8	1·6	7·36	4·0	2·5
Deformity ..	1·00	..	..	..	..	...	...
Enlarged glands ...	..	..	...	·8	...	...	...
Other defects ..	10·00	..	...	..	..	..	1·25
Dirty clothing ..	...	..	..	..	14·53	39·00	..
Dirty person ..	...	..	..	..	..	15·00	...

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School Medical Inspection.

Medical Inspector for the school (Assistant Surgeon)	K. Rama Wariar	C. Narayana Menon	A. Babu Rao	M. Govinda Menon	A. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar	V. K. Mukunda Menon
High Schools at						

	Irinjalakuda	Chalakkudi	Kunnamkulam	Chittur	Nemmara	Goturutti	Cherai	Cranganur	Paliam
Pupils examined	221	107	222	177	115	64	112	176	85
Defects noted per cent									
Defective vision ..	4.54	56.88	8.00	9.6	43.47	14	19.6	36.4	34.1
Eye disease ..	9.08	...	1.00						
Defective hearing ..	.45	...	1.35						
Ear disease ...	22.26	..	...						
Defective speech ...	.45	..	1.00						
Do teeth ...	10.5	....	2.25						
Tonsi's ...	..	..	4.05						
Skin diseases ...	11.36	..	2.00						
Anaemia, hook-worm ...	6.00	...	...						
Malnutrition ...	1.80	45.36							
Heart disease ...	1.90	..	..						
Lungs do ...	.45	...	2.00						
Deformity ..	...	...	.5						
Other defects ...	..	19.19	...	...	...	12.5	5.4	5.1	12.9
Deformed chest ..	.90	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..

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Medical Inspector: Assistant Surgeon C. L. Joseph

High Schools a

	C. M S., Trichur			Vivekodayam, Trichur			Ollur		
Pupils examined ...	211			109			104		
Forms and Class ...	VI	III	4	VI	III	4	VI	III	
Defects or otherwise per cent									
Healthy boys ...	44·5	57·2	65·00	60·00	70·72	60·16	33·3	43·33	44·55
Defective vision ..	7·2	4·4	9·1	16·50	8·32	11·62	26·66	20·00	13·78
Under-nourishment ...	16·5	6·6	14·56	16·0	8·32	9·96	13·33	13·32	24·14
Diseases of heart ...	5·5	4·4	2·7	..	...	...	...	3·33	..
Defective speech ..	7·2	4·4	..	..	..	..	..	...	..
Lung disease ...	...	...	...	...	..	..	6·66	6·66	5·46
Minor defects ..	24	19·8	9·1	8	12·48	18·26	..	...	..
Average height ...	5' 2½"	4'11½"	4'3½"	5' 4½'	4' 11·7"	4' 3·27"	5' 4¾"	5' 3"	4' 4·7"
Do weight lb. ...	99·21	75·53	53·42	102·07	76·14	52·85	98·36	83·05	53·48

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High School at

	Kandassankadavu			Tiruvilluamala			Cherppu. H. S.		
Pupils examined		156			103			164	
Forms and Class	VI	III	4	VI	III	4	VI	III	4
Defects or otherwise per cent									
Healthy boys	43·33	62·51	47·83	52·0	37·5	45·2	47·24	54·00	24·68
Defective vision	13·33	3·12	9·57	4·0	8·33	9·43	8·83	18·co	23·17
Under-nourishment	20·00	18·75	17·02	24·0	29·16	32·07	16·66	12·co	34·54
Diseases of heart	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	2·0	..
Defective speech	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...
Lung disease	...	..	—	..	..	1·8	...	...	...
Minor defects	23·33	15·62	25·53	20·00	25·0	11·32	27·77	14·00	17·78
Average height	5'3·8"	5'1·39"	4'1·45"	5 4"	4' 9"	4' 3	5'1·93"	4' 11·74"	4'5·29"
Do weight lb.	95·38	82·54	57·55	93·5	72·75	56·77	96·33	79·50	59·76

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Medical Inspector: Assistant Surgeon C. L. Joseph.

	High Schools at								
	St. Thomas H. S.			H. S., Trichur			H. S., Vadakkancheri		
Pupils examined	283			200			156		
Forms and Class	VI	III		VI	III	4	VI	III	4
Defects or otherwise per cent									
Healthy boys	42·35	24·51	41·31	74·00	65·60	60·70	...	...	...
Defective vision	22·38	19·25	23·22	4·00	11·47	11·23	8·57	1·69	12·90
Under-nourishment	..	...	...	12·00	14·75	12·35	20·71	16·94	20·98
Diseases of heart	..	1·69	0·69	...	...	..	5·71	...	1·71
Defective speech	..	..	..	...	3·27	1·12	2·85	..	1·71
Lung disease	4·47	3·28	0·69	..	..	...	5·71	..	3·54
Minor defects	3·39	20·23	14·19	10·00	4·91	14·60	8·57	18·59	11·29
Average height	51"4·11"	4' 11·8"	4' 3"	5' 3·9"	4' 11·2"	4' 4·3"	5' 4·38'	5' 0·7"	4' 1·17"
Do weight lb.	98·56	70·07	52·67	100·31	78·60	52·32	99·42	82·49	54·61

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Medical Inspection —Girls' Schools.

Medical Inspector	Mrs. Kohlhoff					Miss. D'Souza			
Schools	Trippunittura G. H. S.	Palace G. H. S.	G.H.S., Ernakulam	Convent G. H.S., Ernakulam	G. H. S. Cranganur	G. H. S., Kunnamkulam	G.H.S., Irinjalakkuda	G. H.S., Ollur	Victoria G. H.S., Trichur
Pupils examined	112	15	117	74	90	120	85	61	198
Defects per cent									
Defective vision	12·5	60·00	11·11	8·51	10·00	77·42	42·5	95·00	70
Eye diseases	...	...	..	...	3·30	3·22	7·65	3·40	12
Defective hearing	...	..	..	..	...	30	39	34·40	34
Ear disease	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Defective speech	...	...	...	..	...	9	...	...	..
Do teeth	...	...	...	...	1·10	4·60	8·5	11·46	12
Tonsils	6·25	...	5·13	6·06	1·10	5·64	14·12	6·80	9
Diseases of nose and throat	..	...	..	...	4·40	33·00	..	...	..
Skin diseases	...	...	..	...	2·20	..	..	5·10	..
Anaemia, hook-worm	2·43	...	20·5	15·00	20·00	...	...	...	...
Under weight and malnutrition	...	..	..	..	..	30·60	21·18	34·12	38
Disease of heart	1·78	...	2·56	1·6	4·40	...	..	...	...
Do lungs	...	...	·85	1·6	...	..	..	..	...
Enlarged glands	..	...	..	..	...	6·44	4·7c	3·40	11
Other defects	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	1·70	..
Mental deficiency	...	...	..	..	...	...	2·35	18·00	18